

**BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 1, 2002

Upon Conclusion of Board of School Cmte. Mtg.

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

Mayor Baines called for the Pledge of Allegiance, this function being led by Alderman Guinta.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Guinta, Sysyn, Osborne, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, DeVries, Garrity, Smith, Thibault, Forest

Mayor Baines advised that a motion is in order to adopt the same rules as the previous Board.

On motion of Alderman Shea, duly seconded by Alderman Lopez, it was voted to adopt the same rules as the previous Board.

Mayor Baines called for a motion for the nomination and election of a Chairman of the Board, term expiring January, 2004.

Alderman Wihby moved to nominate and elect Alderman O'Neil as Chairman of the Board. Alderman Sysyn duly seconded the motion. Mayor Baines called for a vote. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines presented Committee assignments with first named as Chair as follows:

Accounts, Enrollment and Revenue Administration:

Aldermen Shea, Lopez, Guinta, Thibault, Smith

Administration/Information Systems:

Aldermen Gatsas, O'Neil, Forest, Guinta, Osborne

Bills on Second Reading:

Aldermen Wihby, Sysyn, DeVries, Smith, Forest

Community Improvement:

Aldermen O'Neil, Lopez, Wihby, Shea, Smith

Human Resources/Insurance:

Aldermen Lopez, Pinard, DeVries, Sysyn, Shea

Lands and Buildings:

Aldermen Thibault, Garrity, DeVries, Pinard, Gatsas

Traffic/Public Safety:

Aldermen Sysyn, Forest, Garrity, Osborne, Guinta

Mayor Baines called for a motion to appoint three members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to serve on the Committee on Joint School Buildings.

Alderman Lopez moved to appoint Aldermen Thibault, Garrity and Pinard. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Communication from the City Clerk advising that he does not have funds within his budget for the upcoming State Special Election(s) and is requesting authorization to expend up to \$50,000.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated we would note that we did hand out a new communication, which would show an increase of that request to approximately \$60,000.

Mayor Baines asked Mr. Clougherty to advise the Board on this matter.

Mr. Clougherty stated the Board at one of its last meetings moved \$1 million into contingency to deal with the Welfare situation so the current balance is \$1,060,000. This expenditure would leave us with a balance of about \$1 million so we will have to try to make sure that we deal with the Welfare situation as efficiently as we can or take a look at other balances going forward because we would have nothing left in contingency.

On motion of Alderman Lopez, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to transfer \$59,290 from contingency to the City Clerk's Office.

There being no further business, on motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Garrity, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

City Clerk